

STEM-C DEGREE PATH VERIFICATION
UTAH NATIONAL GUARD (ARMY and AIR)
STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STA)

A. GUIDELINES

1. **PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION.** State Tuition Assistance (STA) forms may include information protected under the Privacy Act of 1974. In order to review and approve STA requests, I authorize STA administrators to forward applicable STA applications and associated forms to my non-military email address.

2. **STEM-C DEGREES**
 - a. The State of Utah, through the UTAH NATIONAL GUARD, may pay up to 100% of my tuition assistance and/or fees based on the following caps and guidelines:
 - i. Up to \$250.00 per semester hour (SH), \$167.00 per quarter hour (QH) or \$6.66 per clock hour (CH) for tuition; not to exceed the institution's residential tuition rate.
 - ii. Up to \$7000 combined FTA/STA cap for all STEM/Cyber degree programs, eligible for payment toward tuition and/or fees. The school must verify that a degree program is considered STEM/Cyber using this memorandum provided by the UTNG Education Office.
 - b. The use of STA funding is for a course (or courses) required for the completion of my degree or certificate plan.
 - c. STA will not be approved to fund a course more than once, unless the UTNG member has repaid the funds for the previously-taken class.

3. **ELIGIBILITY.**
 - a. I am a traditional UTAH NATIONAL GUARD soldier/airman in good standing (satisfactory participant) in my UTAH NATIONAL GUARD Unit.
 - b. I have a declared major in a degree path that my educational institution considers Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, or Cyber.

4. **PERIOD OF AGREEMENT.** This verification will remain in effect for the entire STA fiscal year in which it is signed. A new verification must be signed each fiscal year the

soldier/airman receives UTAH NATIONAL GUARD STA, and applies for additional STA funds using the STEM/Cyber justification.

B. MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I agree to meet all the above conditions and I approve the school releasing information related to my declared degree program to verify/confirm the requirements of this benefit.

Name (Last, First, MI) Rank/Grade Unit Date

School name:

Student ID#: _____
Signature

C. DEGREE VERIFICATION BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

I certify that the above indicated member of the Utah National Guard has a declared major that falls under one of the following categories: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, or Cyber (STEM-C).

Student's declared degree program

School Officials Name and contact number

School Officials Signature